

RE: request under the Freedom of Information Act

Von: **kevin galalae** (kgalalae@hotmail.com)
Gesendet: Montag, 8. März 2010 17:23:15
An: ca46@leicester.ac.uk

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

I appreciate your acknowledgement of my request and concur with your chosen course of action.

At this point I only wish to add the following addendum to my request:

Further to my previous request, I wish to know if any of the students I have named have performed duties or functions other than those of genuine students on behalf of Leicester University or another entity, governmental or private, with Leicester's knowledge and/or tacit or implicit consent, while participating in the online module taught by Nick Wright.

Further to that, is Leicester aware if the said course was subjected to a surveillance program by Leicester University or by another entity, governmental or private, with Leicester's knowledge and/or tacit or implicit consent?

If so, what is the program's name, purpose, mandate and duration?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Galalae

From: ca46@leicester.ac.uk
To: kgalalae@hotmail.com
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2010 15:59:56 +0000
Subject: RE: request under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Mr Galalae,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your email below, dated 3rd March 2010, in which you raise concerns regarding the University of Leicester's response to your Freedom of Information request of 1st March 2010.

I propose in the first instance to treat your concerns as an informal complaint in accordance with the complaints procedure as set out in the University's Freedom of Information Code of Practice. As such I will be discussing the matter with the relevant University offices and will review the handling of your request. I shall provide you with a response as soon as possible.

Upon completion of the informal review if the matter should remain unresolved I will advise you of the formal complaints procedure.

Regards,

Colin Atkinson

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From: kevin galalae [<mailto:kgalalae@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 03 March 2010 12:40
To: ca46@leicester.ac.uk
Cc: gkh@leicester.ac.uk
Subject: FW: request under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

I have recently made requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the employment status of Carla Liuzzo, Sean Lawrence and Nick Wright.

Information however was withheld since the data I have requested is “*exempt from access under Section 40(2)(3)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act*”, which is “*an absolute exemption*”.

Mr. Geoff Hamp, who processed my request, suggested that I turn to you should I be dissatisfied with the answer. Let me explain why this is the case.

Currently, Leicester University’s Department of Politics and International Relations and I are involved in a dispute that is being adjudicated at various levels. It is my contention that the Department is involved in a covert surveillance program of the International Relations and World Order MA programme’s online courses and I have evidence to suggest that Mrs. Carla Liuzzo is employed by the university and/or other organization to carry out duties that fall outside her declared participation in the programme as a student only. If this is indeed the case, then the most fundamental principles of the Data Protection Act - which your colleague, Mr. Geoff Hamp, is protecting by withholding me access to the employment status of the individuals I have requested information about – are being violated with impunity by the university, as are various privacy laws, human rights laws, and commercial laws related to false advertisement, to name but a few.

In addition, withholding information that allows me to determine if Leicester’s various officials have lied about the true identity of Carla Liuzzo in order to gain unfair advantage in the resolution of my case or in order to obstruct justice, prejudices the entire adjudication system and constitutes, in light of the university’s insistence that Carla Liuzzo is only a regular student, a criminal act of perjury and a debasement of the public record.

To get to the bottom of this, I am now reiterating my request for access to information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. And to preserve the privacy of the individuals about to be named, I only request that you identify those who are on the university’s payroll and that you only name their job titles.

The individuals who have participated in the MA programme's first module are: Sean Lawrence, Ali Al Mathkooor, Lory Madonna, Ekim Bireroglu, Sheldon Richardson, Carla Liuzzo, Pawel Wojtas, Liva Rabarihoela, and myself, Kevin Galalae. Please identify which of these students are also on Leicester University's payroll and the positions for which they are being paid.

Leicester University being a public institution, I see no reason why your office should withhold this most basic information from the public's scrutiny, especially since access to this information is crucial in the pursuit of justice and withholding it prejudices the entire conflict resolution system as well as the Data Protection Act that you are entrusted to safeguard.

I eagerly await your answer.

Sincerely,

Kevin Galalae

From: gkh@leicester.ac.uk
To: kgalalae@hotmail.com
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2010 09:21:26 +0000
Subject: RE: request under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Mr Galalae

I write in response to your request below dated 1 March 2010, made under the provisions of the UK Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

On behalf of the University I must refuse your request for the disclosure of data relating to the personal information of the individuals named. The personal information of Mr. Nick Wright and Mr. Sean Lawrence is exempt from access under Section 40(2)(3)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act . Additionally as this an absolute exemption (as defined by FOIA) the University is not required to apply the Public Interest Test.

This completes the University of Leicester's response to your Freedom of Information request. If you have any concerns or wish to complain about any aspect of this response then in the first instance please contact the University's Freedom of Information Officer (Mr Colin Atkinson: 0116 252 2412, ca46@le.ac.uk).

It is your legal right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision whether a request for information made to the University has been dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Act. It should be noted that there is a requirement that there will be no undue delay in making the application and there is an expectation that the complainant will have exhausted the University's local complaints procedure.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be addressed to:

FOI Compliance Team (Complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Regards
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From: kevin galalae [mailto:kgalalae@hotmail.com]
Sent: 01 March 2010 16:22
To: freedomofinformation@leicester.ac.uk
Subject: request under the Freedom of Information Act

To whom it may concern,

I hereby request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the employment status (i.e. position, title and pay) of Mr. Nick Wright, who is employed by the Department of Politics and International Relations at Leicester University, and of Mr. Sean Lawrence, who may also be employed by the Department of Politics and International Relations at Leicester University.

My name is Kevin Galalae and I live at 258 Bicknell Cr. Kingston, Ontario, K7M 4T6, Canada. I can be reached by email at: kgalalae@hotmail.com or by phone at (613) 888-8268.

Sincerely,

Kevin Galalae